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## 「DAHLIAS GROWN *under* SLAT FRAME」



The picture above is a view of Dahlias growing under one of our slat frames. We have been experimenting with dahlias growing in partial shade partly with the thought in mind of getting good exhibition flowers earlier in the season. We will tell you about this fully, perhaps next year. Some have said they would not bloom, from the picture it looks as if they would. We had some wonderful plants and marvelous flowers last year, hope to do better this year.



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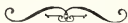
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*"Say it with Flowers"*

AND DAHLIAS ARE GOOD FLOWERS TO SAY IT WITH

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### Greetings to Flower Lovers in General and Dahlia Lovers in Particular



Dear Friends: We bring to you our 1929 catalogue and cultural guide with its offerings, new and old. In doing so we do not pretend that we have all the best as such are offered in the many catalogues to be had. We have found, through experiences that have cost us much in dollars and cents and sore disappointments, that many of the varieties described in glowing terms and praised to the highest points as prize winners of the highest rank are not at all adapted to our climatic conditions, many that we have paid fancy prices for we have grown repeatedly and found them not worthy to offer to our customers, although many likely would not be disappointing in climates more adapted to their requirements, however, we do believe that any variety that will do well in the middle west will do well anywhere, so we feel, in submitting to you these varieties, that you are safe in expecting what we claim for them and by taking advantage of them save yourself the expense and disappointment that might be your reward by buying from many other sources.

Our experience last year with the Dahlia was most trying. The early part of the season, in our particular locality, we had such excessive rains that we could not work the ground, consequently, our planting was delayed until July 3rd, another heavy rain came the 4th, after that time we never had enough rain to wet the ground until the latter part of the first week in October. It was a fight to keep the plants growing, excessive cultivation saved the crop again. When plans were made for our Annual Dahlia Show it seemed that we would have nothing to offer and for a time despaired of being able to make an exhibit, but a few days of favorable growing conditions worked marvels and what we were able to do towards an exhibit surprised us as well as all that knew the conditions of our fields. Our exhibit played, as usual, a very great part in the show and won the blue ribbon for the best general display and many other prizes were our reward.

## The Annual Dahlia Show of St. Louis

The Annual Dahlia Show of St. Louis has, previous to last year, been held at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Last year it was held in the auditorium of Nugent Bros. & Co. Department Store under the auspices of the St. Louis Horticultural Society. Conditions were so unfavorable to the growth of the dahlia in this section that it looked as though we would have no show but a few days before the opening date we had a good rain, the first that we had had since bulbs were planted and the dahlia, as their habit is, responded and by the time the show was to open we had them in quantity, consequently our 1928 Show was the best St. Louis has seen.

Our 1929 Show will be held at the same place about the second week in October. Due notice will be given through the press.

Bring your Dahlias.

## How To Grow Good Dahlias

**PREPARING OF THE SOIL.** Great attention should be given to this part of the work. If possible begin in the Fall. If your soil is heavy clay a liberal amount of coal ashes or sand would be very beneficial if scattered broadcast. If you had enough to mix thoroughly with your soil to the depth of 12 or 15 inches you would not have too much.

Several years ago I planted a lot with Dahlias, one end of which had been a dumping place for cinders. The best flowers by far that I grew on this ground were in the cinders and we grew some good ones. Any roughage such as clippings from the lawn, leaves, weeds, or anything of the kind is excellent matter to turn under in the Fall. This has a tendency to loosen the soil as well as to enrich it. Spade your ground from 12 to 18 inches deep, leaving it in the rough for the Winter. If your ground is poor a good plan would be to spread a liberal covering of manure, preferably cow manure, on top before spading up the ground. In the Spring, as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry, stir it again by spading to the depth of the spade or fork. This done several times before planting time will be an effort well put forth.

**TIME TO PLANT.** Dahlias may be planted any time after danger of frost is past up to July 15th with fairly good results. We advocate and strongly advise not planting, especially in localities similar to ours, before June 15th. If you have been in the habit of planting early, try late planting and keep your plants growing and watch the results.

**LOCATION.** Dahlias prefer full sunlight and a high location, the higher the better. Special attention should be given to keep them away from large trees and too close to heavy shrubbery, however this may be counteracted to a large degree by liberal watering and feeding.

Shading from a portion of the day's sun by buildings or fences may not be objectionable and in some cases may work a benefit, especially with some varieties. I am not so sure but what such a location is ideal, especially in preference to putting them on the south side of a brick wall where the sun may beat down upon them without any protection at all.

I do not like to see them crowded up with other plants where you do not have a chance to stir the ground. You had better sacrifice everything but the hoe.

**HOW TO PLANT.** When planting time comes, which should be from about June 1st to 15th (for further information see under heading "Time to Plant"), see that ground is thoroughly pulverized, then open the furrow or hill where bulb is to be placed to a depth sufficient to enable you, after fertilizing has been placed and covered, to cover the bulb with from four to six inches of soil or sand. A 4-inch pot of pulverized sheep or cow manure and a handful of bone meal mixed together and placed in the bottom and scattered around where bulb is to be placed, being careful that some soil or sand is placed over the fertilizer and that the bulb does not come in contact with it, will prove an excellent booster and give the plant a good start. Place the bulb flat with eye up, never stand on end, and cover with loose soil. If sand is handy cover with sand. If your ground is heavy clay perhaps 4 inches of covering would be better.

The distance apart to plant will depend upon the results you are working for. If you want high-class flowers plant from 3 to 4 feet apart each way, if ordinary flowers, plant from 2 to 2½ feet apart in the rows and rows 3½ feet apart, for massive effect plant about 1½ feet apart in the rows and the rows 3 or 3½ feet apart and if planted in a bed where you would ordinarily want the solid effect plant about 2 feet each way.

**STAKING.** The tall growing varieties require staking, those that grow over 3½ feet, except where you want the massive effect, in which case do not stake. It is always wise to stake the extremely tall growing varieties, those that usually grow from 5 to 7 feet high, although in our fields, for the main part, there were no stakes and those of you that were privileged to see them blooming will remember the sight, both as to quality of flower and size. Where staking is done it is well to do it at planting time, before the bulb is covered or place your bulb in such a position that you know how it is laying so that when it comes up you may place your stake without injury to the bulb.

**CULTIVATION.** Thorough working of the soil is most important. You had better leave off all of the other preparations than to neglect cultivation. Many marvel at the condition of our fields and frequently ask what we put in the soil to keep weeds from growing. The hoe and plow were the only applications and they were thoroughly applied.

Just as soon as sprouts appear above the ground begin working the soil and keep this up until the plant begins to bloom.

In working the soil care should be taken to not disturb the root. We believe in deep cultivation away from the plant, especially in the early part of their growth, later as the plant begins to take on considerable growth special care should be taken to not get too close with deep cultivation.

If convenient, after plant begins to bloom, give a liberal mulch of straw or cuttings from the lawn, this will hold moisture and keep the ground in good condition.

**FEEDING THE PLANT.** To produce the best of flowers an additional stimulant may be applied by preparing a liquid from pulverized sheep or cow manure placed in a sack and put in a tub or barrel filled with water, a sufficient amount to color the water to about the consistency of strong tea. An application of this beginning with about 3 gallons and increasing gradually to about 6 or 8 gallons to a plant may be applied about once a week. Open the ground about 12 inches from plant all around it, apply the liquid in this trench and fill in again when soaked in. This liquid may also be made with fresh cow manure which is excellent. Take 3 shovelfuls to a barrel of water (50 gallon), thoroughly stir and apply at once, use about as directed for the sheep manure. The strength of this may be increased as the plant increases in growth.

All of this special care is necessary only when you are working for special quality of flowers. The main part of our fields receive nothing of this kind, just treated as you would potatoes, but thoroughly worked. The average party does not care to go to so much trouble.

I wish to emphasize that the Dahlia will produce more fine flowers than any other plant you could possibly grow with the least possible care. Work your ground good at the beginning, keep the ground well stirred through the growing season and you will get plenty flowers, the size will depend, as a rule, upon the variety planted.

**TREATMENT OF THE PLANT.** Under this heading much may be said if space would permit as many plants need treatment according to their habits, however, a few simple rules will apply to all.

When the plant first comes up and grows to several inches, perhaps has formed its third or fourth sets of leaves, if more than one sprout appears remove all but the strongest. Place the hand on the ground to hold it solid, gently pull the remaining sprouts away, if you have trouble pulling them out cut them just under the ground and form your bush from the one left.

If you desire to keep your plants from growing too tall or if you wish to encourage the massive habit of growth pinch out the center of the plant just above the second or third sets of leaves, this will encourage the plant to branch out. These branches or laterals will form your flowers.

If you are working for exhibition flowers let only one bud form on each branch or lateral, removing all the rest as they appear. If ordinary flowers are wanted and plenty of them, let these laterals grow until they form their first buds. If this first bud is pinched out when it first appears this will encourage the other laterals or branches that spring from the first branches to produce a more rapid growth. This will give you an abundance of flowers with fairly good stems. The suckers or laterals that form on these second sets of branches may all be removed down to just about the first set of leaves where it joins the main branch from which it came, leaving one flower to the stem. These remaining suckers or branches should be left for later blooms. When the flower is fully open cut it off just above these remaining branches which should have made considerable growth by this time. This way your blooming season may be prolonged until frost.

If you desire earlier flowers and a taller bush do not pinch out the center of your young plant, but let the entire of it grow, I mean the one shoot from the ground, others having been removed as suggested above. When this shoot forms its first bud pinch it out, this will encourage the laterals to come forth and the work of disbudding should be followed out as suggested under the above method.

**TYING UP THE PLANT.** As soon as the plant has made about a foot of growth is a good time to start tying. Do not draw the stem too close to the stake, bear in mind that the stem will develop in size and if tied too tight would cause injury to the plant. Care should be taken to follow up the tying as the plant grows or injury from the wind may occur. A large plant, well tied, will stand a remarkable lot of wind without injury.

**WATERING.** This should not be attempted, as a rule, until the plant has made considerable growth except in extreme dry weather, in such case be careful. A little moisture will start your plant to growing, frequent hoeing had better be resorted to rather than watering in the early stages of growth. After the buds begin to form is the logical time to begin watering.

Do your watering thoroughly about once a week. Care should be taken to stir the ground thoroughly after each watering just as soon as the ground becomes sufficiently dry, never before, otherwise your soil will become caked and more injury will be done with the water than good. If you have no over head arrangement for watering, a good plan is to dig a trench around each plant or along the row, where they may be close together, sufficiently large to hold considerable water, especially so when the plants are large. Give them a good soaking and fill in the trench with soil after the water has soaked in. After extremely hot days your plants will be greatly refreshed if a sprinkling of the foliage is resorted to. A frequent wetting of the surface of the ground is not advisable.

We do no watering at all except on a few specimen plants and we get the flowers and plenty of them, but, we do cultivate and we do not want you to forget it.

## WHY DO I GET SUCH LARGE BUSHES AND NO FLOWERS?

This is a question frequently asked and a trouble that many are familiar with. Several things may produce this effect. Often you get buds that do not open, some open one sided and you often become discouraged as a result. In most cases the trouble comes from too early planting. Many times planting is done in April and early May, at that season we usually have plenty moisture and suitable growing weather, your plant makes a rank growth, perhaps buds begin to form and hot, dry weather sets in and the plant stops growing. The wood becomes hardened, the buds blasted and no flowers.

Just remember that a Dahlia will not bloom on hard wood, in such cases a good plan would be to cut the plant back to the ground, keep your ground well worked and new growth will again start. From this growth form your plant over again. As a rule let only one of these new sprouts grow except where you want long stems and large flowers, in this case it might be well to let several grow and keep them clean of all other growth and buds. In case this occurs in latter part of August or first of September a better plan would be to remove the buds that have formed and allow new ones to take their place, thus prolonging the season to when growing conditions would be more favorable. We have practiced this to a very great success up to late September.

You may have the same trouble from a lack of cultivation. Anything that has a tendency to check the growth will produce this trouble. Best and most flowers on a Dahlia bush are produced when you keep your plant steadily growing from the start and especially boost it along about the time buds begin to form.

## COLOR VARIATIONS

Please note that many things may cause the color of the flower to vary, such as hot, dry weather, compared to cool, moist weather; loose, pliable soil compared to heavy, sticky soil; and poor soil compared to rich soil. Often times these different conditions cause the color of the flower to vary considerably with one party compared to the same flower with another party and also one year compared with another with the same parties.

## HARVESTING AND STORING THE BULBS

When the frost has killed the plant, it should be cut down, then at leisure, before the ground freezes, the bulbs should be dug; care taken to not break the bulbs from the clump. A bulb broken off of the stock is of no use. After they have dried off for an hour or two the soil should be removed and the clump packed in a box, barrel, or bin, covered with shavings, sand, or dry soil. The most ideal packing material would be peat moss. If there is heat in the basement or where the bulbs are kept, care should be taken to cover them well with soil or sand to prevent their drying out.

A good plan is to take a box or barrel, place soil in the bottom, carefully lay clumps upside down to within a few inches of the top and fill in with dry dirt or sand, letting same fill in around the roots.

## DIVIDING THE CLUMP

Do not plant as dug.

In the Spring when planting time comes divide to one or two roots to a plant, being sure to have at least one eye to each plant.

One sound root with an eye is sufficient, remember the eye does not come down on the root but where it joins the old stock.

Frequently before planting time the eyes develop into sprouts of considerable length, these should be removed with a sharp knife to within about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of the bulb. Sometimes we find it necessary to do this a time or two before we plant. This can be done without any injury whatever to the bulb and is better than planting with long sprouts.

## NOTICE

A word regarding the varieties of Dahlias that we list

In submitting for your consideration these varieties:

We do not claim to have all of the best to be had but we do feel that we have a fairly good collection of varieties to select from. There are many of the old varieties that are especially worthy of first place in many catalogues that pass them over with perhaps a mere mentioning of them and give the prominence they deserve to newer varieties of less merit.

You will note that in our catalogue we have given prominence to some of the old varieties. We have done so because we have grown them for several years and have found them very satisfactory. Have tried out many new varieties designed to take their place but with us they have not stood the test and the old variety remains at the head when it comes to quality of flowers, profuseness of blooming and ability to stand the hardships of an unfavorable season.  $\frac{1}{4}$

Many of these forgotten varieties have produced marvelously in unfavorable seasons when many others that are supposed to be better have proved total failures.

After all we are looking for the varieties that will not fail us in seasons that are not ordinarily encouraging for the Dahlia. In most cases we have a large stock of these varieties and are able to furnish them in large quantities. We have many varieties in small numbers that we have not listed and are in touch with all of the Dahlia specialists all over the country so can likely procure for you anything to be had that you may desire that we do not list. In such case give us ample time to get in touch with the other party.

A further word of explanation regarding the varieties we offer and their descriptions. Many of the descriptions are those given by the introducers. With the exception of a few new varieties all have been tried out on our farm and proved to have merits in this locality.

## BULBS NOT FORCED

Our Dahlias are grown on high ground in clay soil and are not forced, but grown naturally and therefore are in better condition to give you the best results possible. Neither do we practice forcing our bulbs for propagating purposes which is a detriment to them. The only method of propagation that we practice is by division of the clump, except in a few cases where we propagate by using the young sprouts that are necessary to be removed before planting.

The many commendable reports that we receive from our customers from all over the country indicate that our bulbs have given them perfect satisfaction and we are sure they will prove the same to you.

## TIME OF SHIPMENTS

Our regular shipping time begins May 1st as our aim is to get the bulbs to you about planting time, however, we will ship as near as possible on the date you suggest.

## SHIPMENTS PREPAID

We prepay all shipping charges, excepting where noted, on orders taken at catalogue prices where the order amounts to \$1.00 or more. Where the order amounts to less than \$1.00, 10c extra should be sent to cover postage and packing.

## PACKING

We make no charges for packing where the order amounts to \$1.00 or more. See under the head of Shipments prepaid.

All orders are securely packed and should reach you in perfect condition.

## FILLING ORDERS

All orders are filled under our personal supervision and the utmost care is taken to see that this is done accurately, but mistakes do happen with the best of us. If such should occur notify us promptly and we will gladly correct the error.

## SUBSTITUTION

Our purpose is to send you what you want. Give us a chance by telling us in place of the other fellow, if an error should occur.

It is always well in ordering to name a second choice in case we are out of what you want.

We do not aim to substitute without your consent.

With your consent we will always give as good or better than the variety named.

## MAY WE NOT MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS FOR YOU?

To those who are not acquainted with the different varieties: If they will tell us about what colors they prefer, how many they want, and how much they want to spend, we will do our best to satisfy them. As a rule, customers are more frequently better satisfied this way than to make their own selection.

## OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee every bulb, root or plant sent out to be true to name and color, and also to be in growing condition when received, after which our responsibility ceases. Please notify at once if anything is unsatisfactory, when received, or any bulb or tuber does not start to grow after planted a reasonable time.

Let it be understood that we are not to be held liable, should an error occur, for more than the original price paid for the bulbs, plants or other merchandise ordered from us.

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Our place is open to visitors at any time of the year and they are always welcome, we are glad to welcome them and give any information that we can that may be of interest.

During the blooming season great crowds of people visit our fields and enjoy the wonderful display of flowers. If you have never visited a large field of blooming Dahlias you have missed a great treat. Many come just to enjoy looking at the flowers and they enjoy it, so will you. It was estimated in 1924 that one day 15,000 people visited our fields. We have no way of finding out just how many there were but there was a great crowd.

## REFERENCES

First National Bank of Wellston, Wellston, Mo.

St. John's Community Bank, St. Johns, St. Louis, Mo.

## NOTICE!

Please note that the figures at the right-hand side of the page indicate the approximate height of the plant.

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

**FIRST OF ALL.** Do not delay in making out your order and getting it to us as early as possible. Many varieties will be exhausted early in the season. A delay may mean a disappointment.

**USE THE ORDER BLANK.** Be sure to fill in all the blanks, giving full name and address plainly. So frequently we get orders that are indeed a puzzle, most impossible to make out the name, some with no address at all. Save time by being careful. We have received orders that we could not fill because of lack of name and address.

**REMITTANCE.** Remittance should accompany the order. Where bulbs are to be sent C. O. D., one-fourth the amount should accompany the order.

You may remit any way convenient to yourself. Make checks payable to Missouri Dahlia Farms Co., Inc. If your order amounts to less than \$1.00 you may send stamps, one or two cent denominations.

**HOW TO TREAT BULBS ON RECEIVING THEM.** When you receive the bulbs, if you are not ready to plant, open up the package, place them in a box, covering them with soil or sand to keep them from drying out. Do not keep too moist, neither do they want to shrivel. Keep them away from furnace heat and from sun.

The better way is to have your bulbs sent about the time for planting.

We begin shipping May 1st unless otherwise instructed. Will ship as you direct.

**SIZE OF THE BULBS.** Many varieties never make large bulbs, therefore some bulbs may be small. However, this makes no difference as a small bulb with a good eye is just as good as a large one.

We always send out the best bulbs possible.

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1 Azalea .....	\$ .75
1 Mina Burgle .....	.50
1 Perle de Lyon .....	.50
1 Frank A. Walker .....	.50
1 Darlene .....	.50
1 Floral Park Jewell .....	.35

Catalogue Price .....	\$3.10
Special Price Prepaid .....	<b>\$2.00</b>

### SPECIAL OFFER No. 2.

1 Ellinor Vandever .....	\$1.50
1 Corona Leo .....	1.00
1 Louise Desloge .....	1.00
1 Judge A. B. Parker .....	1.00
1 Jean Chazot .....	1.00
1 Autumn Perfection .....	.75

Catalogue Price .....	\$6.25
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MIXED DAHLIAS .....	\$1.00 per Doz.
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We have had many commendable reports on our  
Mixed Dahlias

## IMPORTED DAHLIAS

The following is a collection of Dahlias that were originated in the foreign countries. They all came to us highly recommended and the most of them have to their credit the highest awards offered by the country where originated. We have grown these for two years and found them all to be very worthy. These we have imported direct from Holland and in many instances are the first to offer them in this country.

**ANDREAS HOFER.** A variety of exquisite beauty for table decoration. Straight cactus type. Flowers of medium size, beautiful light pink shading to white in the center. Perfectly stiff stems; free flowering. One of the best keeping varieties we have ever grown. This played a prominent part in our exhibit at the recent St. Louis Dahlia Show. Price \$2.50—4½-5 ft.

**COURONNE D'OR (Golden Crown).** Dec. This Dahlia is classed by one of the world's great Dahlia Growers as one of the two best commercial Dahlias in the world. It is a very prolific bloomer, sturdy grower and holds its massive flowers perfectly erect on long, strong stems. The color is a most exquisite rich golden apricot having a reverse of rosy carmine which sets off the flower most beautifully, most excellent for exhibition purposes. Prices \$5.00—5-6 ft.

**CLOWN.** Dec. A medium sized flower of a very unique coloring of orange-red tipped white. Very free flowering, attracts much attention. Price \$2.50—2-3 ft.

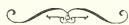
**MAC DONALD.** Dec. Large, fiery red flowers, growing horizontally on long and strong stems, free above the foliage, free flowering; a very attractive red; is distinctly different in formation. Price \$2.50—3 ft.

**MAD. DIESNY** Cact. This variety has many high awards to its credit and is worthy of a place in any exhibit. The flowers are large, well formed and of a deep mauve coloring. Stem and habit good, free flowering. Price \$2.50—4-5 ft.

**PINK FAVORITE** Cact. This unique variety is of a delicate, soft, waxy, pink coloring with a lighter center, very free flowering, flowers held erect on most excellent stems. The formation is perfect. We have never in our twenty years of experience grown a Dahlia that has impressed us so favorably as Pink Favorite. It has repeatedly won the highest awards in its home country and has to its credit many honors. As near as we know we are the first to introduce it in this country. An excellent keeping variety when cut. Price \$10.00—4½-5 ft.

**ROSE ELEGANS** Dec. A medium sized flower, color an intense deep pink. In form similar to the well known variety Delice, a very free bloomer, an especially good cut flower variety. Price 75c—3 ft.

**ROSE TENDRE** Dec. A Dahlia with many awards to its credit. One of the finest clear, deep pink introductions. The regular formed, medium sized flowers are carried on long, erect stems. Highly recommended as a cut flower variety and will not be unbecoming on any exhibition table. Price \$2.50—4-5 ft.



## CACTUS DAHLIAS

The Cactus Dahlia will always be a favorite class with many people because of its unique formation of petals, which makes it resemble a chrysanthemum. The petals are long, narrow, pointed, twisted, or fluted. The hybrid cactus is becoming popular; it is a large bold flower, of broader petalage than the regular cactus type.

**ALICE WHITTIER.** Winner of the President's Cup for best seedling, Boston Show, 1924. Color a very delicate shade of primrose yellow; exhibition sized flowers and exceptionally deep. Stiff stems and good habit of growth. Awarded Certificate of Merit, D. S. of N. J., 1925. With us this has proven to be a very worthy flower. Price \$4.50—5-6 ft.

**AMBASSADOR.** A great attraction in every show. A fine exhibition as well as commercial flower, being a soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink. Flowers are well formed and held erect on long stems. A wonderful bloom. This variety was introduced for \$50.00 per tuber. Price \$1.50—3½ ft.

**ANDREAS HOFER.** For description see above under heading of Imported Dahlias.

**BALLET GIRL.** White shading to flame; sometimes the blooms come solid flame. This is one of the best Cactus of true English form raised in America. The plant is a great bloom producer and a first class variety for exhibition purposes. Price \$1.50—4-5 ft.

**BRIDES' BOQUET.** A pure white of excellent form, sometimes comes with open center. A profuse bloomer. Price 50c—3 ft.

**CARR'S PINK.** A beautifully formed flower; perfect cactus type; free flowering; medium size. Excellent for cutting on account of its beautiful coloring and excellent keeping qualities. Price 75c—4 to 5 ft.

**CIGARETT HYBRID CACTUS.** This distinct and novel Dahlia has attracted wide attention. In color it is creamy white, heavily edged with pomegranate red, but it varies greatly, no two flowers being exactly alike. The petals are long and inclined to roll, forming a large, deep, well-shaped flower of great substance on very long stems of best quality. Price \$1.00—4 to 5 ft.

**CORONA LEO, HYBRID CACTUS.** This is one of the most perfectly formed flowers grown. Color, a rich flame. Large size; stem is most desirable, holding the flower perfectly erect. An excellent cut flower variety; holds its own on the exhibition table and is most attractive in the garden. Price \$1.00—4-5 ft.

### CACTUS DAHLIAS—(Continued)

**COUNTESS OF LONSDALE.** This is one of the old varieties with merits lacking in many of the newer varieties that have been crowded to the front. There are few varieties that will produce as many perfect, medium sized flowers as Lonsdale; it will blossom under conditions that cause many other varieties to become total failures; good stems, low compact foliage, an excellent keeper; these qualities combined with its attractive coloring make it a most profitable variety for florists' use. An excellent garden variety. Color, an exquisite shade of rich salmon with faint tinge of apricot at the base of petals. Price 50c—2-3 ft.

**DADDY BUTLER, HYBRID CACTUS.** An immense flower of truest form for exhibition, and a good cut-flower. A most unusual blending of colors, American Beauty shades of rosy carmine, and the reverse of the beautifully twisted and rolled petals of a lighter tint, giving a variation of color. The stem is perfect, and the bush is always covered with large, perfect blooms, which last for days when cut. Price \$1.00—3-3½ ft.

**ETENDARD DE LYON, HYBRID CACTUS.** Everyone admires this beautiful rich royal purple. The flowers are distinct in shape from all others, with broad, curling, wavy petals which form a flower 6 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, a large flower, yet without any stiffness or formality; sometimes comes with open center. Price 75c—4 ft.

**FRANCIS LOBDELL.** Flowers large and of perfect form, mallow pink shading to white in the center. Wonderfully free bloomer, splendid bedding variety as well as exhibition. Price \$1.00—4 ft.

**F. W. FELLOWS.** One of the very best Cactus varieties ever raised, with flowers of unusual size for the long narrow petaled type of which this is one of the finest representatives. In color it is a deep flame with deeper suffusion at the center; no collection of Dahlias is complete without it. Price 75c—4 ft.

**GEORGE WALTERS, HYBRID CACTUS.** This variety took first prize as the best Hybrid Cactus exhibited in the commercial section at the Missouri Botanical Garden, 1923, and has won many medals elsewhere. George Walters created a sensation in our fields last year. Flowers of 10 inches in diameter are quite common and freely produced on long, erect stems. Color is a beautiful pinkish salmon shading to a yellow base. The plant is a most satisfactory one for the garden and for cutting. Price 75c—5-6 ft.

**GLADYS BATES**—The large blossoms of this American Cactus variety are of incurved petals of tan with a reverse of rose. Attractive on account of its odd coloring. Very good. Price 75c—3-4 ft.

**GLADYS HEISS.** This Dahlia created a very great interest in our fields last year. Large flower, perfectly full center to the very last, in color a deep glowing pink. We predict for this Hybrid Cactus a very great future. Price \$2.50—4-5 ft.

**JEAN CHAZOT OR GAY PAREE, HYBRID CACTUS.** This variety of French introduction, is one of the best all around Dahlias. Color is golden bronze with a faint suffusion of nasturtium red. Free bloomer and unsurpassed as a cut flower. Long, stiff, wiry stem. This variety in bloom on our place was admired by many. Price \$1.00—4-5 ft.

**KALIF, HYBRID CACTUS.** Its brilliant pure scarlet color and strong stout stems make it one of the most useful Dahlias both for cutting and exhibition. Price 75c—4 ft.

**LIBELLE.** A pure royal purple in coloring. Exceptionally free flowering. A low, compact grower. Medium size flowers. Price 35c—3 ft.

**MAD. DIESNY.** For description see page 9.

**MacGREGOR, HYBRID CACTUS.** A seedling of George Walters, of which it is an exact duplicate in size and shape. The flowers are large and full, color Spectrum-red; an unusual color in Dahlias. The base of the petals is lemon-yellow. It is unsurpassed for garden decoration and keeps exceptionally well when cut. It is one of the first to flower and continues in good condition to the end of the season; one of the best all around reds in cultivation. Price \$1.00—4 ft.

**MARIPOSA, HYBRID CACTUS.** A recent introduction which has quickly become very popular. The color is a clear shade of lavender pink intensified by the full and darker center. The flowers are large and of rather loose type made up of long ribbon-like petals which twist and curl in a most attractive manner. The stems are exceptionally long and perfect in every way. Price \$1.00—4 ft.

**MISS AMERICA.** Miss America in color is a rich orange buff, blending toward the center lemon chrome, the long petals are wavy, twisted and curled, colored on the reverse light Jasper red which adds richness and beauty to this autumn shaded dahlia. The plant is a very free grower, strong and vigorous, the foliage rich dark green. The large blooms which are borne in great profusion are of a splendid texture, no trace of stiffness or heaviness. This hybrid cactus dahlia has size; stiff, straight, wiry stems; wonderful keeping qualities and is an Artistic flower of fine formation which has proven a favorite everywhere. Price \$2.50—5-6 ft.

**MRS. EDNA SPENCER, AMERICAN CACTUS.** A novelty of delicate shade of lavender or orchid pink. In much demand as it is a lasting cut flower of unusual color and very effective under artificial light. It is also a prize winner in American Cactus competition. The stems are long and stiff. Price 50c—4 ft.

**MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH.** Creamy white, shading to a lemon tint in the center. The flowers are huge and the bushes are always covered with them. The stems are extra strong and fine. Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**PAPILLON, HYBRID CACTUS.** One of the big fellows which has been grown successfully everywhere and has been in many prize winning collections. Stems, of course, are strong and long, and carry the flower well. A beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights. An incessant bloomer. No flower that has ever grown on our place attracted more attention than Papillon did last year. Price \$1.00—5-6 ft.

**PIERROT.** Immense size with very long incurved petals; deep amber, distinctly tipped white, sometimes solid amber. A magnificent exhibition and garden variety. It is a very strong, vigorous grower, producing the gigantic flowers profusely on very long slender, graceful stems. Price 50c—4 ft.

**PINK FAVORITE**—For description see page 9.

**ROLLO BOY.** A most beautiful cactus variety, with us it comes a pure golden yellow, in other climates it seems to come with a deeper shading. Flowers large and produced very freely on long, strong stems holding the flower perfectly. Price \$1.50—4-5 ft.

## CACTUS DAHLIAS—(Concluded)



FIELD OF PERLE DE LYON

**PERLE De LYON.** A pure White Hybrid Cactus of special merit; large free flowering; good stem. Petals cleft at the tips; one of the most satisfactory for florists' use on account of the waxy whiteness and long-keeping quality. Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**ROSE MARIE FRIDOLIN.** Hybrid Cactus. Very dark maroon, rich and velvety; perfectly full to center; wonderfully profuse bloomer; very rank grower. Here is a cactus that will hold its own with the very best as an exhibition flower, equally as good for any other purpose. You will find few collections containing this flower or its equal. It was classified in 1927 by the big Dahlia Critics of the East as one of the twelve best Dahlias in the world. Price \$5.00—6 ft.

**SOLE MIO.** A very fine and large hybrid cactus. The color is a deep clear yellow. The flowers are held high on excellent stems, and have good substance. Plant is a strong low growing variety. It is very good for garden and exhibition purposes. Price \$4.50—4-5 ft.

**SPRINGFIELD.** This variety took first prize at the 1924 Dahlia Show, held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, as the best cactus in the commercial section. A dahlia of special merit. Identical with Countess of Lonsdale, except in two essentials, a larger flower and much darker in color. Instead of being a salmon pink as in Lonsdale, "Springfield" is a rich amaranthian-red. It must be seen to be appreciated, most excellent for cutting or garden work. Very free and persistent bloomer. Price 50c—2-3 ft.

**SUNNYSIDE.** The immense flowers, always with full centers, are of Hybrid Cactus type. The petals are long and flare back, almost meeting. The color is a clear shade of grenadine red greatly intensified with metallic shadings. The introducer of "Sunnyside" is right in saying of this variety that it is unlike any other variety ever produced. With us it was distinctly different both in form and coloring and readily recognized by visitors to our gardens as an outstanding variety. We predict for it a prominent place on the exhibition table as well as for any other purpose. \$10.00—5-6 ft.

**U. S. A.** Hybrid Cactus. Probably no other Dahlia has met with such favor as this, which is entirely distinct in color from all others, a pure deep orange, sparkling and glistening, an unusual color in Dahlias. These flowers are of large size of good formation, on excellent stems, held so as to display their full beauty and not least of all, it is remarkably free-flowering, beginning early and continuing in good condition to the end of the season. U. S. A. is a splendid Dahlia for all purposes. With us it was the admiration of all that visited our farm last year.

**WODAN.** Hybrid Cactus. One of the most popular dahlias. It is a bold, large flower, frequently 7 inches in diameter, a graceful arrangement of semi-incurved tubular petals of a pleasing delicate salmon-rose color, shading to old gold in center. Price 50c—5-6 ft.

## DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

This class is intermediate between the cactus and the show dahlia. Flowers, as a rule, are large, full to the center, with broad, flat, incurved or reflexed petals, giving an irregular formation devoid of stiffness and formality. For the most part, they are all strong, vigorous growers, early and free bloomers.

**AIBONITA.** An immense flower of a lavender or violet pink, shading to white, with a rich golden yellow at base of petals. The formation is unusual, owing to the great depth and fullness of the flower. The long stems hold the huge blossoms high above the foliage, producing an extremely showy effect. A most excellent garden variety.  
Price \$1.50—5-6 ft.

**AMERICAN BEAUTY.** One of the most perfect ball-decorative dahlias. Flowers of gigantic size, produced on heavy stems. The color is that of the well known American Beauty Rose.  
Price 50c—3½ ft.

**AMITYVILLE.** A medium-size flower, very rank grower, profuse bloomer. An ideal stem, wiry and holding the flower erect. The color is most beautiful, a delicate shade of silvery pink with a very faint touch of pale yellow on the point of each petal. This flower attracted much attention in our field and at the show. Stands at the head as a cut flower.  
Price 50c—3½ ft.

**AMUN RA.** A Decorative of great size in the richest shade of copper-bronze. The stems are long and stiff and the flowers keep splendidly.  
Price \$1.00—4 ft.

**AZALEA.** A big bloom formed by many rows of long, narrow petals, giving it an unusually attractive, as well as unique, shape. The color is soft, creamy yellow, and the outer rows of petals are tinged with pink. Sturdy grower and prolific in flowering. We received second prize on this variety at the show for the best Decorative in the commercial section in 1924 and held its own in 1926 show. We predict a good future for this variety in this section.  
Price 75c—4 ft.

**BASHFUL GIANT.** A gigantic bloom, where size is one of the requisites for exhibition. It is all that could be desired. It is also of great merit for its beautiful color—being apricot with golden shadings. Flowers are produced on stout stems, but it is a better garden or exhibition variety than a cut flower. This is an eastern prize-winning dahlia.  
Price \$1.00—4 ft.

**BEAUTY OF ROSEMONT.** A very large flower, rank grower, good stem. Color, deep salmon pink, buff base. Very free flowering, a very desirable variety.  
Price 75c—4-5 ft.

**BUTLER PINK.** A deep rose pink shaded lighter toward the center. Long wiry stems holding its flowers erect. Good medium class flower, free flowering.  
Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**CAMDEN COURIER.** A large flower of great depth and perfect form; in color a light yellow overlaid grenadine red. The blending of these two colors produces a rich bronze effect which is intensified by a golden glistening sheen with which the whole flower is suffused.  
Price \$2.50—4-5 ft.

**CARMENCITA.** The most graceful and beautiful of the fancy decoratives. The yellow blossom is regularly striped red. The plant is a dwarf grower but forms a fine compact bush which is a mass of flowers all season. The formation of the enormous flower is uncommon and graceful. The stems are all to be desired.  
Price \$1.00—2 ft.

**COURONNE D'OR.** For description see page 9.

**CLOWN**—For description see page 9.

**DARLENE.** This variety possesses qualities that we have not found in any other Dahlia and we have grown several hundred varieties. It will produce perfectly formed flowers through the hot, dry season. It will begin blooming earlier than any other variety that we have known of and continues to give good flowers until cut down by frost. "Darlene" is a good keeper when cut and a most desirable color, making it one of the most useful to grow for florists' work and a most delightful plant for the home garden. You can depend upon getting abundance of flowers of this variety. Habit of growth is desirable, good stem. In color it is an exquisite shade of live shell pink with a dainty blending of white at center. Its delicate coloring makes it a useful flower. Medium to large size.  
Price 50c—3-4 ft.

**DELICE.** One of the old varieties but still holds its own among the best. There have been many advertised as better than "Delice," but we have failed to find them so. The color is an exquisite shade of deep rose pink and retains its color under all conditions. Stem is good, habit of growth excellent, free flowering. One of the most sought after on the cut flower market.  
Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**DON WILLIAMS.** A low-growing plant, free flowering. For exhibition purposes must be disbudded. A new shade of lavender, each petal tipped snow-white. Attracts attention on account of unusual coloring.  
Price \$1.50—3 ft.

**DR. TEVIS.** A California creation that has a long record as a prize winner, and continues to hold that record. One of the largest and most beautiful Decorative Dahlias measuring from 8 to 11 inches in diameter. The coloring is a beautiful shade of salmon rose suffused with old gold shading to a golden apricot. An unusual blending of colors. The flowers are most attractive, grown on long stems, well above the foliage, making it one of the most desirable. A truly wonderful flower for any purpose.  
Price 75c—5-6 ft.

**ELLINOR VANDERVEER.** An incomparable Dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of a glowing, satiny, rose-pink. The flowers are of great depth and substance, and are held above a tall sturdy bush on exceptionally long, stiff stems. Early bloomer. Highly recommended in the East as well as the West and we have great confidence in it for the Middlewest.  
Price \$1.50—5-7 ft.

**EMBASSADOR.** Large blooms on stiff stems. Color, deepest shade of red or maroon; free flowering.  
Price 50c—4 ft.

**FRANK A. WALKER.** Charming shade of deep lavender pink. Very early and free flowering. A desirable flower for cutting and yard work. Medium size.  
Price 50c—3-4 ft.

## DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—(Continued)

- FRATERNITY.** A medium size flower, rank grower, very free bloomer, good stem. carries itself perfectly, a beautiful shade of buff. Attracted much attention. Excellent for cutting. Price 50c—4 ft.
- GIANT RUBY.** A very strong, upright grower producing its large, beautifully formed flowers on long, stiff stems. A brilliant red shading a little darker at the base of the petals, a profuse bloomer. Price \$1.50—5-6 ft.
- HALVELLA.** Color is a lovely shade of rose-pink, flowers very large, stand erect on long, stiff stems. Good for all purposes. Price \$1.50—4-5 ft.
- HIS MAJESTY.** Color a bright scarlet, formation of petals slightly irregular. An exceptionally free bloomer and does not require heavy disbudding to obtain size and stem. One of the best reds. Price \$1.50—4-5 ft.
- INSULINDE.** Colossal flowers of a rich golden orange color. Form of flower everything that could be desired. Fine for cutting and exhibition, as it can be grown immense. One of the very finest Dahlias ever produced. Price \$1.00—4 ft.
- JACK ROSE PINK.** Identical with the well known variety, Jack Rose, excepting in color, which is clear pink. Price 35c—3 ft.
- JACK ROSE. RED.** Brilliant shade of crimson red, the same shade of color as the favorite rose of the same name, free flowering, good habit. especially good for yard work, good for cutting. Medium size. Price 25c—3 ft.
- JERSEY'S BEACON.** A decided novelty of Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth, excellent stem. Awarded silver medal for best new seedling at exhibition of New York Horticultural Society in 1924. With us it played a prominent part in our winning exhibit. There is no variety that was ever grown on our place that has attracted more attention than Jersey's Beacon. Price \$2.00—4-5 ft.
- JERSEY'S BEAUTY.** Probably the most talked of Dahlia that has ever been produced. A perfect bloom of Erosine pink, carried high above the foliage on a long wiry stem. A wonderful keeper when cut, therefore good as an exhibition variety or for cut flower purposes. Awarded too many prizes and medals to enumerate. It is truly the beauty of the Dahlia world. Jersey's Beauty has proved itself equally as well in the middle west as in other sections of the country. Our strain of this remarkable variety is of the highest quality. Price \$1.00—6 ft.
- JERSEY'S IDEAL.** This variety introduced by one of the prominent Eastern growers has made a host of friends. The flowers are very large and of great depth, best described as a lavender-pink in color. It is a vigorous grower, with large, leathery leaves, almost insect proof. The large flowers are produced very freely. Has all the characteristics that have made all the Jersey varieties famous. Price \$5.00—5-6 ft.
- JERSEY'S KING.** Large perfect flowers of a brilliant oriental-red with carmine suffusion, long, stiff stems. Early and free flowering. Price \$1.00—5-6 ft.
- JERSEY'S SOVERIGN.** A flower that is hard to describe, of large size with very dark vigorous foliage and long stiff stems, of a beautiful salmon-orange that blends so well with autumn foliage, profuse bloomer. Visitors to our field readily recognized this as one of the high-class flowers. Price \$1.50—5-6 ft.
- JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER.** A wonderful exhibition variety, very large flowers on long stiff stems. Color golden buff. One of the high-class varieties. Price \$1.00—5-6 ft.
- JUDGE MAREAN.** In this large dahlia there is a riot of blending color, ever changing as the flower ages. There is a glowing salmon pink, iridescent orange, yellow and pure gold, and the shades all blend most beautifully. The large fine flower stands on a long, straight, strong stem facing the garden boldly. Price \$1.00—4 ft.
- J. W. DAVIES.** A wonderful free flowering variety beginning early in the season and producing good perfect flowers to the end. The flowers are of giant size, of good depth, and of fine form. The flowers are borne on good, long stems and are of a bright deep tyrian rose color with a gradual shading lighter to the edges. Price \$1.50—4 ft.
- KITTY DUNLAP.** If this has any weak points they are not noticeable. It flowers early and continues perfect throughout the season, its blooms are of the largest size, all that can be wished for in shape and are carried on long stiff, practically leafless, stems; in color it is a much admired beautiful shade of carmine-rose with a brilliant suffusion. Price \$1.00—4-5 ft.
- LOUISE DESLOGE.** A beautiful white with no trace of any other color, extremely large on very long stems, very rank grower, a dahlia that commands immediate attention. Price \$1.00—4-5 ft.
- LUCY DAVIS.** One of the good varieties of western introduction. A very sturdy grower, branches freely and produces its magnificent large flowers on long, slender, perfectly rigid stems. Color is a rich golden yellow. An excellent cut flower and exhibition variety. Price \$1.50—5-6 ft.
- MacDONALD**—For description see Page 9.
- MARGARET WOODROW WILSON.** This variety is a sensational dahlia because of its immense size, odd coloring, and freedom of flowering. If you are after size it will not disappoint you. We believe that this variety will prove itself a worthy one from any standpoint. Color is opalescent-pink, face of petals creamy white, reverse Phlox-pink, the reflection from reverse of petals gives the whole flower an opalescent effect. Petals are broad and well placed, terminating in points making a thick flower. Strong, upright stems, dark green foliage, medium height. Has many awards to its credit. Price \$3.00—3-4 ft.
- MARY QUEEN OF SCOTTS.** A delicate shade of pink, beautiful form, worthy flower. Price 50c—4-5 ft.
- MR. ALEX WALDI.** A large, well-formed flower, a particularly soft and pleasing color, being a creamy-ground overlaid and suffused with delicate salmon-pink on the outer petals, the center creamy-white, a dainty color combination. Price \$1.00—4 ft.

## DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—(Continued)

**MINA BURGLE.** Everything taken into consideration there are few red dahlias that surpass Mina Burgle. Apparently its only fault is its inclination to throw flowers with open centers and this is not objectionable with many people as the large, brilliant red flowers, with prominent yellow stamens showing, are most attractive. Our stock last year only developed 2 plants with open centers so we believe we have as fine a strain of this variety as any one on the market. A rank grower; extremely free flowering under the most adverse weather conditions; long wiry stem holding the flower perfectly erect; good keeper making it good for all purposes. You will find this a most worthy variety. Price 50c—5-6 ft.

**MR. C. H. DRESSELHUIS.** For many years the variety Delice has been a favorite cut flower, and while beautiful it is not as free-flowering as many would like. In this new variety we have a similar color, a soft rose-pink, white suffusion towards the tips, and what is most important, one of the most prolific bloomers of medium size just right for cutting and are splendidly supported on very long stiff stems. We predict great popularity for this variety as it is undoubtedly the best pink for cutting yet produced. Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**MRS. CARL SALBACH.** One of the 1920 introductions which won prizes wherever exhibited. A large flower of lavender pink with lighter tints toward the base of the petals, supported on long, strong stems. Very free flowering, and fine for exhibition or cut flowers. Price 75c—6 ft.

**MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN.** Very large flowers, can be grown from ten to twelve inches in diameter. The form is of best exhibition type and the coloring is unique, different from all others, a beautiful mulberry with golden suffusion. The habit of growth is most beautiful. Price \$2.00—4 ft.

**MRS. I. DE VER WARNER.** One of the best known of the Marean introductions and it is truly a remarkable dahlia. The flowers grow to an immense size without any great amount of disbudding, are of a perfect regular type and of the most glowing shade of mauve pink. The plants are tall, vigorous growers, and start giving flowers early in the season and continue to produce quantities of them until the end. This variety has been a success wherever grown. Price \$1.00—5-6 ft.

**MRS. J. G. CASSATT.** Deep rose-pink, free flowering, rank grower, medium to large size, a most excellent garden variety, fine for cutting. Price 50c—4-5 ft.

**MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS.** Very large flowers which upon opening are of a clear golden primrose gradually changing to a beautiful delicate shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals. A strong grower, and abundant bloomer. Price \$1.00—4-5 ft.



A SPECIMEN PLANT AS GROWN ON OUR PLACE

### DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—(Concluded)

**ORANGE KING.** This is a most worthy variety. Wonderfully free flowering, medium to large size on extremely long, wiry stems, rank grower. Color, orange with deeper shadings in center. Flowers held perfectly erect. Always demands the highest price on the cut flower market. Its only fault is its inclination to stunt in the plant growth, in spite of this fault it is well worth growing. Price 75c—5-6 ft.

**OASIS.** This decorative is a delightful true pink without any trace of yellow or lavender. It is the pink of the old fashioned Duchess rose, only deeper in tone. A large, but not heavy flower, of long straight petals which curl slightly. Stem is long and straight. Dwarf grower, free flowering. Price \$1.50—3 ft.

**OLIVE REED.** The blooms of this variety are an ideal shade of deep clear yellow. It is a splendid form of decorative and the flowers are large and on good stems held perfectly erect. The plants are extremely rank in growth and the habit is ideal. We cannot recommend this Dahlia too highly. Price \$4.00—6 ft.

**OSAM SHUDOW.** The most pronounced feature of this Dahlia is its formation. The large heavy loose petals produce a flower more like a gigantic Rose than a Dahlia, in color it is a delightful old-rose, slightly suffused with lilac and shading to yellow at the center, of very large size on stout, stiff stems held well above the foliage. Price \$1.00—5-6 ft.

**PAUL MICHAEL.** Perhaps one of the largest flowers grown. With us, without any special care, it grew to 9 3-4 inches in diameter. A low growing variety producing its gigantic flowers abundantly. This will delight you. The color, a pure gold. Price 75c—4 ft.

**QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL.** This is really the largest dahlia ever introduced. It is an enormous light yellow. The stems are huge stiff canes which support the big flowers wonderfully. Winner of the S. W. Heller Memorial Prize at the Palace Show, 1925. Price \$4.00—5-6 ft.

**ROOKWOOD.** An entirely new shade of bright rosy cerise, without the slightest tinge of magenta, greatly resembling the color of the Mrs. Charles Russell rose, and exceptionally beautiful under artificial light. The immense flowers are of true decorative type with full centers, a good depth and held aloft on splendid straight stems. The bushes grow low and spreading and are always a mass of blooms. Price \$2.00—3-4 ft.

**ROSE ELEGANS.** For description see Page 9.

**ROSE FALLON.** Most wonderful flower of enormous size, held erect on straight, strong stems; this magnificent bloom is a beautiful color of deep Old Gold of the finest type. This variety created a sensation when exhibited at the 1925 Dahlia Show of the A. D. S. and was without question, the finest dahlia in the show. No dahlia collection should be without this famous novelty.

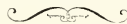
The above is the originator's description. With us it was exceptionally fine and held its head perfectly erect. Price \$4.00—5-6 ft.

**ROSE TENDRE.** For description see page 9.

**SAGAMORE.** An exceptionally fine exhibition or cut flower of a golden color, shaded toward the center with a warm salmon-rose or orange buff. Stems straight and stiff and wonderful keeping qualities when cut make this flower most desirable. Price \$1.50—5-6 ft.

**TOMMY ATKINS.** This bright novelty is one of the best of the newer introductions. A startling color, flaming scarlet, so full of metallic lustre that it fairly glistens in the sunshine. The large deep blossoms are held high above the bush on long stiff stems. An early bloomer. Price \$1.50—4-5 ft.

**WIZARD OF OZ.** One of the largest Dahlias grown. With us we had no other variety that produced as many flowers as large at one time on one bush. We predict for this Dahlia a great future. The color is a glowing amber-pink, soft in tone. Price \$2.00—4-5 ft.



## PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS

This class had its origin in Holland and was named on account of its resemblance to the Japanese Paeony. Flowers large, on long stems, and have conspicuous open centers around which the large, broad, gracefully curled and twisted petals are rather loosely and irregularly arranged. They are devoid of stiffness and formality, and are sometimes referred to as the "Art Dahlias."

**AUTUMN PERFECTION.** I know of no Dahlia that will produce as many large flowers as this variety. Very early and continuous until cut down by the frost. Often full to center, a beautiful shade of orange and copper. Price 75c—3-4 ft.

**JOHN WANAMAKER.** This is a most handsome variety for yard work. Flowers are large and full to the center; resembles a Decorative in this respect. The flowers are loosely built of curled and twisted petals. The color is a beautiful shade of soft rose pink with violet tint. Price 50c—3-4 ft.

## DOUBLE SHOW OR BALL DAHLIAS

This class is a branch of the ball type. The flowers are round, symmetrical and perfectly formed, the petals being regular, cupped or quilled and usually full to the center. They are early, free and continuous bloomers, as a rule. The dahlias of our Grandmother's gardens.

**A. D. LIVONI.** One of the old varieties, but still a favorite on account of its beautiful color, perfect form and freedom of flowering. Color, clear cerise-pink; quilled petals, medium size. Price 35c—4 ft.

**DREER'S WHITE.** A pure glistening white, a large ball-shaped flower with closely quilled petals, unsurpassed by any other variety in freedom of flowering. Price 35c—3 ft.

**FLORAL PARK JEWEL (BURLEIGH).** Perfect ball, red and white tipped; medium size. Very attractive. Price 35c—3-4 ft.

**GRAND EXHIBITION.** A very large perfectly formed flower. Light rose base shaded to deep purple. Very attractive; free flowering. Price 50c—5 ft.

**MISSOURI BEAUTY.** A perfect ball shaped flower of the most exquisite shades of coloring. Light base overlaid old rose. A low compact grower. Without any question the most beautiful show Dahlia we have ever seen. Medium size. Price \$1.00—3 ft.

**ORANGE KING SHOW.** This variety is distinctly different from the Orange King Decorative that we offer, being nearer copper in color. A medium size flower, low compact grower, extremely free flowering. A good show variety. Price 50c—3 ft.

**QUEEN OF THE AUTUMN.** A sport from Queen Victoria. Identical in every way with this variety except color, which is yellow base overlaid deep bronze. Was much in demand as a cut flower with us past year. Medium size. Extremely free flowering. Price 35c—4 ft.



## COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

These are single dahlias with a collar of small petals, usually of a different color, surrounding the yellow disc forming a very novel class.

**AMI NONIN.** French Collarette; large dark edged lilac, white collar. .... Price 50c—3-4 ft.

**HENRY FARMAN.** Yellow blotched red, cream collar; Very pretty. Price 35c—3-4 ft.

**RED DAINTY.** Beautiful shade of dark red, white collar. Price 35c—3-4 ft.

**SAN MATEO STAR.** An extraordinary flower and the biggest collarette ever produced. The color is a clear cerise, the petals edged white and the collar white. The formation is a distinct star. Like all blossoms of this type is a prolific bloomer with good stems. Price \$1.00—3 ft.



## SINGLE OR DUPLEX DAHLIAS

The center is always visible and surrounded by one or two rows of petals. Very free flowering. A bed of singles is a gorgeous sight to behold.

**APPLE BLOSSOM.** A beautiful flower, light base tipped pale rose. Medium size. Price 25c—2-3 ft.

**AUTUMN DUPLEX.** Very free flowering; color, terre cotta; especially fine for yard work; good cutting. Often with only two rows of petals. Especially adapted to table decorations. Price 35c—3-4 ft.

**FRIGOLA.** A rich purplish red, tipped white. Very effective. Medium size. Price 25c—3-4 ft.

**LOS ANGELES.** Very large flower, exceptionally free flowering, fine stem; color, white streaked rose, very attractive. Price 50c—2-3 ft.

**ROSE PINK CENTURY.** A large flower, rich rose pink. Price 20c—5-6 ft.

**SUNSET CENTURY.** Most striking effective yellow at base of petal, outer half deep rich vermilion. Very bright and effective for garden or cutting. Medium size. Price 20c—2-3 ft.

**SOUV. DE MILWAUKEE.** This is one of the first to blossom. Large flowers; long, wiry stem; yellow center, shaded to deep purple with lighter tips. A most gorgeous plant for the yard and excellent for cutting purposes. Often with only 2 rows of petals. You will admire this. Price 35c—3-4 ft.

## POMPON DAHLIAS

These are tiny, compact growers, often of quilled petals, very floriferous, and do not require disbudding. They can be depended upon. Might be termed a miniature Show-Dahlia. Very attractive.

**ACHILLAS.** Delicate lavender tipped pink.

Price 35c—2 ft.

**AMBER QUEEN.** A beautiful long stemmed little flower. Golden Amber.

Price 50c—2 ft.



**CAMELIA**

**CAMELIA.** In 1924 we had this listed as a decorative but it is a very small flower. We do not think that we are wrong by placing it among the Pompons. As a rule comes perfectly full to the center. A deep flame in color, very free flowering. We believe this to be perhaps one of the most useful of the miniature class. A basket of this variety is a perfect charm. The cut will give you some idea as to its possibility for this kind of work. Note the long, wiry stem. Always attracts attention.

Price 50c—2 ft.

**CATHERINE.** Well formed primrose yellow.

Price 50c—2 ft.

**DARKEST OF ALL.** A tall growing variety; long wiry stem; free flowering; a deep maroon.

Price 35c—2 ft.

**GOLDIE.** A tiny flower of pure gold; fine for cutting.

Price 75c—2 ft.

**GRETCHEN HEINE.** A dainty flower of rose tinted white, each petal heavily tipped crimson-carmine. One of the finest of the miniature class.

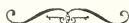
Price 50c—2 ft.

**JOHNNY.** A deep red, beautifully formed, free flowering variety that attracts great attention; invaluable for cutting and exhibition.

Price 50c—2 ft.

### POMPON DAHLIAS—(Concluded)

- JEWELTJE.** Pompon Decorative. Light pink. In this dainty little flower we have an entirely new type of dahlia. The blooms are a clear light pink, just about the shade of Delice and will average two or two and one-half inches across. The stems are thin, but strong and wiry, and the bushes are continually covered with flowers. Because of the small size and beautiful shade of pink it can be used in many places where other dahlias may not be suitable. This variety will be in great demand for commercial growing and should be also grown in every home garden. Price 75c—2 ft.
- LITTLE BEAUTY.** Shrimp pink, a good flower. Price 50c—2 ft.
- PRINCE CHARMING.** A bright flower on long stems, base white, heavy purple edging; good every way. Price 35c—2 ft.
- PURE LOVE.** Deep lavender, perfectly quilled petal, free flowering. Price 50c—2 ft.
- RAPHAEL.** Very deep maroon, fine form. Price 35c—2 ft.
- SUNBEAM.** Flaming crimson. Price 50c—2 ft.
- SUNSET GLOW.** A pretty little flower of orange and sunset red. Good stem, fine grower, excellent keeper, fine for basket work, tall grower, therefore needs staking. Price 35c—4 ft.
- TOM THUMB.** Garnet red. A winner in the smallest flower class. Price 50c—2 ft.
- TOMMY KEITH.** A small perfectly formed blossom of deep red, tipped white. Price 50c—2 ft.



## GLADIOLI

Our special collection of Gladioli have been selected from many varieties on the market with the thought in mind of giving our customers the offerings without the necessity of considering so many varieties of little worth or other varieties similar.

The Gladioli is becoming more prominent each year. In the past where a few have been planted here and there in the yards they are being planted now by the hundreds and in many instances by the thousands on private places. What a treat to go out into the garden and cut an armful of flowers of colors to your liking.

### HOW TO GROW GLADIOLI

Gladioli may be planted beginning as soon as the frost is out of the ground and danger of heavy freezing is past and continue at intervals of every two weeks up to July 1st, thus giving a succession of blooms through the entire season. A good mixture of bulbs may be planted at one time that will extend the blooming season for considerable time on account of some varieties being earlier than others in their blooming season. Our mixture is especially adapted for this purpose.

Plant from four to six inches deep, according to the lightness of the soil and the size of the bulbs. In a cool climate they thrive best in a good sunny place. Where the summers are extremely warm a partially shaded place is preferable.

The ground should be kept well stirred or hoed from the time they begin to come up until they are ready to dig, or they may be mulched with a good covering of light straw to the depth of about four inches. As soon as planting is done or after they have made considerable growth and the ground has been well stirred, they may have a liberal mulch of straw or clippings from the lawn. This will hold the moisture and work a great benefit. If the season is dry they can stand considerable watering, especially at the time flowering spikes begin to appear, being careful to work the ground as soon as it becomes sufficiently dry, never while wet, but if the mulch has been applied there is no necessity of working the ground.

We do not advocate the use of dressing too liberally. A light application of any well decayed manure or good commercial fertilizer applied on the top of the ground after the plants are several inches high will aid in producing larger blooms. Never apply fertilizer at the time of planting except it be well rotted or a commercial fertilizer applied as per instruction on same. The ground should be kept moist (not wet) until the flower spikes begin to appear, then water freely. The spikes can be cut as soon as the first bud begins to open. Four or five of the lower leaves should be left to help mature the new bulb.

The bulbs should be dug as soon as the leaves turn yellow or as soon as they are killed by frost. They should be lifted, tops and all, and allowed to cure, preferably out of doors. If in a warm climate they should be shaded during the heat of the day and should at all times be protected from frost. When thoroughly dry the tops should be cut off close to the bulbs and the old dried corms removed from the bottom of these new bulbs. Store in shallow trays in a cool, dry place protected from frost.

The varieties we offer below are all of the highest quality first size bulbs and will delight you with flowers the first year.

**ALICE TIPLADY.** A grand, large Primulinus of most beautiful orange saffron color. Very choice (this is undoubtedly the most popular Primulinus in existence.)

Price 75c per doz.—\$5.00 per 100

### GLADIOLI—(Concluded)

**ANNA EBERIUS.** Deep Rhodamine-purple shading into very deep bordeaux center. This variety has created a sensation everywhere with growers and amateurs alike.

Price \$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

**E. J. SHAYLOR.** Tall, very strong plant; a beautiful pure deep rose pink. Extra choice; ruffled.

Price \$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

**EVELYN KIRTLAND.** A splendid variety with large flowers of wonderful substance of rosy pink at the edges passing to shell-pink in the throat, with fiery scarlet blotches on lower petals. A strong, robust grower.

Price \$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per 100

**GOLDEN MEASURE.** The one best yellow; large flowers of deep golden yellow heretofore unknown in a large flowering gladiolus. Several of these gorgeous flowers in bloom at once on a tall, strong stem give a most magnificent effect.

Price \$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

**HALLEY.** Very early; large flowers of bright salmon pink on long, graceful spike. A wonderful cut flower, very satisfactory in every way.

Price 50c per doz.—\$4.00 per 100

**HERADA.** An enormous glistening mauve, self color and wonderful for florists' work. The very best Gladioli in this shade among the commercial varieties; prize winner. Price \$1.00 per doz.—\$6.00 per doz.

**LE MARSHALL FOCH.** This might briefly be described as an improved America, having the same soft flesh-pink color, but with much larger blooms and coming into flower two weeks earlier. Of unusually strong, vigorous growth with splendid straight, well-filled spikes.

Price 50c per doz.—\$4.00 per 100

**LOS ANGELES.** The sensational cut and come again Gladioli.

Color is a shrimp-pink tinted orange with orange tinted carmine throat.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.—\$18.00 per 100

**MARY PICKFORD.** A comparatively new variety of dainty coloring, splendid spikes with large expanded blooms of a delicate creamy white, the throat suffused with soft canary yellow.

Price \$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

**MRS. DR. NORTON.** This variety is quite alone in its beauty, no other equals it in its class and everywhere it is awarded the highest honors. Silvery white blossoms daintily tinted with pink, deepening toward the edges. A creamy blotch of sulphur yellow, speckled at base with Tyrian rose.

Price \$1.00 per doz.—\$7.00 per 100

**MRS. FRANCES KING.** Very tall flame scarlet. Many large flowers open at once. For brilliant effects nothing is finer.

Price 75c per doz.—\$5.00 per 100

**MRS. FRANK PENDLETON.** The introduction of this variety created a sensation in the gladiolus world. Bright rose pink on pure ground, a giant blotch of richest velvety carmine red on lower petals. No grander variety in existence; like an immense glorious orchid. Price 75c per doz.—\$5.00 per 100

**ORANGE GLORY.** Grand orange colored with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color. Beautiful and distinct. Ruffled.

Price \$1.50 per doz.—\$10.00 per 100

**PEACE.** A giant, white with lilac featherings in throat; very robust plant and beautiful flowers.

Price 75c per doz.—\$5.00 per 100

**ROSE ASH.** Peculiar soft old rose tones fading to ashes of roses on the outer edges of petals. Very unique in coloring and greatly admired. If you have a room with mahogany furniture and mulberry hangings this is an ideal indoor setting of Rose Ash. We have never seen a gladioli that would produce such a wonderfully large spike and massive head of flowers.

Price \$1.25 per doz.—\$8.00 per 100

**SOUVENIR (Primulinus)...** Pure solid deep yellow on long slender stems. Perfect for cutting. Claimed to be the deepest pure yellow prim in existence.

Price \$1.25 per doz.—\$8.00 per 100

**MIXED GLADIOLI.** We have a very fine mixture, including many of the very fancy varieties, all of them most desirable, comprising a very wide range of coloring. We feel confident in saying that as fine a mixture has seldom been offered at these prices. You will be justified in planting these liberally.

These are all strong blooming size bulbs.

50c per doz.—\$3.50 per 100—\$30.00 per 1000

## GORGEOUS CANNAS

We are offering a collection of Cannas that comprise the cream of the varieties that are on the market. The Canna is one of the showiest flowers we have for color effect either in the small yard or for expansive landscape effect. The improved varieties with their massive heads of large flowers and brilliant colorings are beyond comparison with the old varieties.

The divisions that we offer are strong, healthy roots, containing two or more eyes and are not to be compared with the small roots usually offered over the counter in many of the stores.

### HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR THE CANNA

The ground should be well spaded to a depth of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 feet. A liberal amount of stable manure or its equal should be worked into the ground, as they are strong feeders. When the ground has become warm and dry, about the middle of May or June first, they should be planted. If for massive effect, plant about 2 feet apart, for more compact effect plant closer. Cover about 4 inches deep and keep ground well stirred.

After they have made considerable growth water may be given them rather liberally, later on when bloom begins to appear give them abundance of water. Additional food may be added to an advantage in the growing season in the way of sheep manure or bone meal or other manure at hand.

After frost has killed the tops lift the clumps and keep them in a dry place away from frost. They can stand warmer storage than most bulbs, especially in the clump form if some of the soil is left on them.

**CITY OF PORTLAND.** Flowers of the largest size and borne on heavy trusses; color, glowing pink, flowers freely. Green foliage.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.— $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

**EUREKA.** The best white Canna for all purposes. The large substantial flowers are very freely produced on strong vigorous plants.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—4 ft.

**KING HUMBERT.** A most popular variety; orange-scarlet flowers, large and showy; deep bronze foliage.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—5 ft.

**KING MIDAS.** A true Canna aristocrat. Very large flower of glittering gamboge-yellow. Outstanding variety coming into great popularity; new.

Price 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.—5 ft.

**MME. CROZY.** Red edged gold, pretty border variety.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.—4 ft.

**RICHARD WALLACE.** Canary yellow flowers, very free bloomer. One of the best yellows.

Price 10c each—\$1.00 per doz.—4 ft.

**STATUE OF LIBERTY.** An extremely vigorous grower with deep bronze foliage and large orange-scarlet flowers. Its extreme rank growth towering above any other variety with its massive heads of flowers makes this variety a most excellent specimen for the center of beds or for back ground of other lower growing subjects.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—6 to 7 ft.

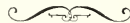
**THE PRESIDENT.** We believe there is no other green foliaged Canna that is so attractive as this one; a perfect wonder producing the most gorgeous clusters of flowers imaginable. A brilliant red.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.—5 ft.

**YELLOW KING HUMBERT.** A sport from the bronze leaved, red flowering King Humbert. Flowers are yellow dotted orange-scarlet. The occasional reversion of a stalk of foliage and flowers to the typical King Humbert makes a bed of this variety very interesting.

Price 15c each—\$1.50 per doz.— $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

One each of the above Cannas for \$1.25.



## LILIES

**ISMENE (White Amaryllis).** Suitable for outside planting when treated like Gladioli. A beautiful pure white lily that makes a wonderful showing, having from 3 to 8 large flowers on each spike. The bulbs we offer are strong blooming size.

Price 20c each—\$2.00 per doz.

## HARDY LILIES

No yard, hardy border or shrubbery planting is complete without a liberal planting of hardy lilies. They are most gorgeous in their effect. When once established they give you a wonderful display with as little trouble as anything you can plant. The varieties listed below are the finest that can be had.

**AURATUM (Golden-banded Japan Lily).** Undoubtedly one of the finest. Its large graceful, fragrant flowers are composed of six petals of a delicate ivory-white color, thickly studded with chocolate-crimson spots, and striped through the center a golden-yellow; 3 to 5 feet. August.

**Extra Large Bulbs 50c each—\$5.00 per doz.**

**SPECIOSUM RUBRUM.** White shaded pink and spotted daintly with rosy-crimson petals beautifully recurved. Very hardy and free flowering.

**Large Bulbs, Price 50c each—\$5.00 per doz.**

**TIGRINUM SPLENDENS (Improved Tiger Lily).** Bright, orange-red, spotted with black; very showy; 4 to 5 feet.

**Price 30c each—\$3.00 per doz.**

**TIGRINUM FLORE PLENA (Double Tiger Lily).** Orange-red spotted with black, double showy flowers.

**Price 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.**

The lilies we offer are among the highest class of Lilies grown.

## PEONIES

We have growing a large collection of choice varieties of Peonies for fall planting. If interested write us for prices.

## TUBEROSE

There is no flower planted that will make as great a display with the least amount of effort as the Iris.

The flowers of this popular plant are waxy-like, one of the most delightfully fragrant and beautiful of the summer-flowering bulbs. For flowering in the open border, plant about the middle of May, or as soon as the ground becomes warm.

**MEXICAN EVERBLOOMING SINGLE.** The most free-flowering Tuberose in existence.

**Price 10c each—75c per doz.—\$6.00 per 100**

## GERMAN IRIS

Planted as a border along walks and drives or around shrubbery or flower beds, they are most effective. May be planted here and there among other plants with good effect.

### HOW TO PLANT

The Iris should be planted very shallow, just covering the roots is sufficient. Any well-drained location will suit them.

Early fall is the ideal time for planting, but the Iris is one of the species of plants that you can plant with fair results anytime that you can work the ground.

S—stands for the Standards and F for the Falls.

**A. E. KUNDRED.** S. bronze; F. magenta red,

**35c each—\$3.50 per doz.**

**AMBASSADOR.** This truly regal Iris will make a creditable appearance at any court. Its rich coloring, fine form and stately growth mark it as one of the world's finest varieties. S. smoky, reddish violet; F. dark, velvety purple-maroon of good texture; beard and styles yellow. Foliage vigorous; stems tall, straight and strong. Height 48 inches. Late. One of the most attractive Iris we have seen.

**\$1.00 each—\$10.00 per doz.**

**CLARENCE WEDGE.** S. mauve; F. red, exceedingly beautiful.

**30c each—\$3.00 per doz.**

### IRIS—(Concluded)

- DR. BERNICE.** S. coppery bronze; F. velvety crimson. In general effect a bronze Iris. 24 inches.  
30c each—\$3.00 per doz.
- FAIRY.** White, delicately bordered and suffused pale blue. Height 40 inches.  
20c each—\$2.00 per doz.
- HIAWATHA.** S., pale, lavender flushed rose; F. royal purple bordered lavender; white veins at base.  
28 inches. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- HONORABILIS.** S. bronze yellow; F. golden bronze.  
20c each—\$2.00 per doz.
- IRIS KING.** Very large massive flowers. S., old gold; F., very broad, rich and bright velvety-crimson-maroon margined with gold. A strikingly beautiful flower. 24 inches. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- ISOLINE.** A grand distinct Iris with very large flowers and strong foliage. S., lilac-pink; F., purplish old-rose, golden at the throat; beard yellow. The straight-hanging falls give the flower a long appearance. On established clumps it flowers freely on strong, well-branched stems. Among all the newer introductions it still holds its place as a distinct and worthy flower. 36 inches.  
35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- KING OF IRIS.** S., yellow; F., maroon.  
35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- KOCHI.** A wild Iris from southern Europe, flowers a deep blackish purple—a rich coloring that is greatly admired. Blooms early. One of the best deep colored Iris. 24 inches.  
25c each—\$2.50 per doz.
- LOHENGRIN.** S. and F. uniform soft shade of cattleya-rosa. Very large flower. Strong grower and exceedingly free bloomer. 30 inches.  
30c each—\$3.00 per doz.
- MADAME CHEREAU.** S. and F. white, frilled azure blue; very free and fine for cutting. 36 inches.  
20c each—\$2.00 per doz.
- MOTHER OF PEARL.** A real gem of beauty, an aristocrat among Irises. Its splendid iridescent color, its perfect form, its vigorous growth and wonderful substance have won it recognition as one of the world's best Irises. This variety is included in every Iris collection of merit in the United States and should be in your Iris section. Standards and falls pale bluish lavender, with a faint creamy undertone. Large flowers of perfect form and exceptional substance, profuse bloomer.  
\$1.00 each—\$10.00 per doz.
- OTHELLO.** S. violet blue; F. deeper with white markings. 24 inches.  
20c each—\$2.00 per doz.
- PALLIDA DALMATICA.** This is a true type of Pallida Dalmatica and still one of the most attractive and satisfactory all around varieties, with flowers of large size; both S. and F. of a clear lavender blue shading to a pale silvery blue at the base and sweetly scented. It is of strong, vigorous growth over 3 feet high, with unusually heavy glaucous foliage.  
25c each—\$2.50 per doz.
- PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE.** S. sulphur-yellow, F. rich plum bordered cream; 30 inches.  
20c each—\$2.00 per doz.
- SHERWIN-WRIGHT.** A vigorous and free-flowering bright golden yellow. The color is more dense and bright than most of the newer and supposedly improved varieties.  
35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- VIOLACEA GRANDIFLORA.** Clear violet blue pallida.  
50c each—\$5.00 per doz.
- WHITE KNIGHT.** The purest of the white iris yet introduced, large flowers, very free flowering.  
50c each—\$5.00 per doz.
- MIXED IRIS.** Two shades of color, a deep blue and light blue. Good bloomers, flowering at the same time and are about the same height.  
\$1.00 per doz.—\$8.00 per 100

## IRIS PUMILA

These are the dwarf growing varieties which are so useful as border plants where a low, compact border is wanted. The first of the Iris to bloom in the spring.

**ALBA.** Pure white. Blooms early in April.

**VIOLACEA.** Violet blue. Blooms early in April.

20c each—\$2.00 per doz.

## SIBERIAN IRIS

The variety that we offer is deep blue, a very slender stem and small delicate flower. Very artistic. There is no Iris that will exceed this Iris in its profusion of flowering. Hundreds of flowers can be cut from a single clump.

20c each—\$2.00 per doz.

## HARDY PHLOX

Among hardy perennial plants no class is of more importance than the Phlox succeeding in almost any soil and position, and flowering through a long season; and while they will continue in good condition and flower freely for many years without attention, yet they respond quickly to and are improved by liberal cultivation.

Prices except where noted 25c each—\$2.50 per doz.

- BEACON.** Brilliant cherry red, an outstanding variety, well established. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- B. COMPTE.** Rosy-purple with lighter eye. A beautiful Phlox. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- BRIDESMAID.** White with carmine center; tall
- CHAMPS ELYSEES.** Bright rosy magenta; very effective.
- EUROPEA.** White with bright carmine eye; large florets and strong grower.
- F. A. BUCHNER.** White with creamy center; large florets and a robust grower.
- FIREBRAND.** Bright red with deeper center, large trusses, strong robust habit. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- INDEPENDENCE.** Pure white, compact panicles on tall stems. Fine for massing.
- LA VAGUE.** Mauve rose, deeper center. Tall and much branched; fine for massing.
- MILLY (Mrs. Milly Van Hoboken).** A gem with very large trusses of large flowers of a pink with soft mauve suffusion. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.
- MISS LINGARD.** This grand variety is one of the most popular sorts grown; color, white with a delicate pink eye. It grows about 2 feet high, and starts to bloom in May, continuing to flower until late in October.
- MRS. CHAS. DORR.** Light rosy lavender, small florets, branched; tall.
- MRS. DAVISON.** Medium height, deep lavender, very strong grower and profuse bloomer.
- MRS. JENKINS.** The best all around pure white Phlox. Free flowering, vigorous grower.
- PANTHEON.** Bright carmine-rose.
- RIVERTON JEWELL.** A lovely mauve-rose illuminated by a brilliant carmine-red eye.
- R. P. STRUTHERS.** Light red, shaded salmon. Popular.
- THOR.** A most beautiful and lively shade of deep salmon-pink suffused and overlaid with a scarlet glow. A light, almost white, halo surrounds the aniline red eye. A very effective color and becoming more popular each season. 35c each—\$3.50 per doz.

## BUDDLEIA—BUTTERFLY BUSH

This is one of the most interesting and useful shrubs that was ever introduced. Very rank grower, extremely free flowering, very attractive in the yard and most useful as a cut flower. Begins blooming on the young plant early in the season and continues until heavy frost. We furnish these in small plants that will make a large bush from 2½ to 4 feet the first year and bloom abundantly in a short time from planting. These small plants, as a rule, give better satisfaction than the large plants. They will grow like weeds.

As a rule the tops of these freeze down to near the ground, in case they do not they had better be cut back as they bloom better on the young wood. These will be ready for Shipment by May 10th.

25c each, 5 for \$1.00; Parcel Post Prepaid.

## CHINESE LANTERN

**CHINESE LANTERN PLANT (Physalis Francheti).** An ornamental variety of the Winter Cherry, forming dense bushes about two feet high, producing freely its bright orange-scarlet lantern-like fruits, which can be cut and dried, in which shape they are used extensively for floral decorations during the winter.

Well started plants that will make you large plants and fruit freely the first year at 25c each.

## HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUM

We have a quantity of large clumps of a very fine large flowered salmon pink Hardy Chrysanthemum that we can furnish at 50c each. Not prepaid.

## HARDY CLIMBING ROSES

We have a very fine collection of the best large flowered Hardy Climbing Roses. These are 2-year-old field grown potted last fall that are in excellent condition for this spring planting. The improved varieties are not to be compared with the old varieties of small cluster roses that are so subject to mildew. These, as a rule, are large flowers on long stems making them most artistic and useful for cut flowers as well as yard decorations and are seldom troubled with mildew.

Price 75c each—\$7.50 per doz. Not Prepaid.

**ALIDA LOVETT.** A deeper shade of flesh pink than in Dr. Van Fleet.

**AMERICAN BEAUTY.** American Beauty red.

**BESS LOVETT.** Deeper shade of red than Climbing American Beauty.

**DR. VAN FLEET.** Flesh pink.

**EMILY GRAY.** Orange yellow shading to pale orange. The best yellow climber.

**MARY WALLACE.** A bright clear rose pink with salmon shading at base of petals. Long pointed buds. Large semidouble flowers when fully open, rank grower. One of the finest recent introductions.

**PAUL'S SCARLET.** This is the most gorgeous climber ever produced, a vivid scarlet, very free flowering, not as rank a grower as some of the other varieties.

**SILVER MOON.** Large semidouble flowers, long pointed buds. Cream color in bud opening into a single clematis like white flower. Extremely rank grower.

## MISCELLANEOUS ORNAMENTALS

We have a large collection of Ornamental subjects such as shade trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, bedding plants and so on for our local trade. A visit may prove both interesting and profitable.

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10% DISCOUNT ON FERTILIZER

## FERTILIZERS

We can furnish you with the following Fertilizers:

**FLORANID.** A very highly concentrated plant food imported from Germany. No other fertilizer that has ever been put on the market is recommended so highly as this product. A very small amount will go a long way. It will pay you to give this a trial, both for your Dahlias and other purposes. Excellent for house plants and so on.

1 pound cans 50c; small Trial cans 15c.

**BONE MEAL.** 10 lbs., 65¢; 25 lbs., \$1.50; 50 lbs., \$2.50; 125 lb. sacks, \$5.00. 10 lbs. will be enough for about 6 plants at planting time.

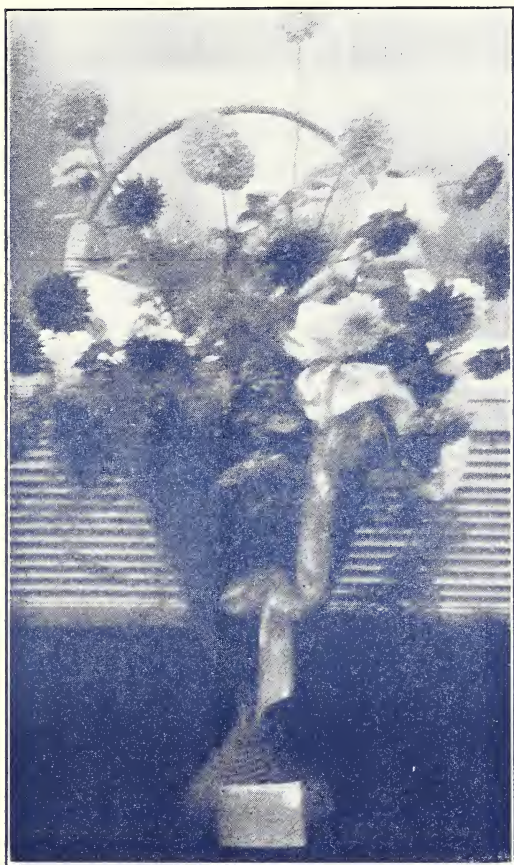
**CATTLE MANURE.** Shredded and dried and therefore very highly concentrated, easily handled. You will find this most excellent to use on your lawns, gardens, around shrubbery and all flowering and bedding plants. Use it for your Dahlias a little stronger than instruction for sheep manure. Especially fine to use in a liquid form. 10 lbs., 50c; 25 lbs., \$1.00; 50 lbs., \$1.65; 100 lbs., \$3.00.

**PULVERIZED SHEEP MANURE.** 10 lbs., 50c; 25 lbs., \$1.00; 50 lbs., \$1.65; 100 lbs., \$3.00.

10 lbs. is sufficient for 6 Dahlia plants at planting time.

Any of the above fertilizers except Floranid (which needs to be used very sparingly) may be used freely when the ground is prepared in the spring and as a top dressing during the growing season, being careful to rake it in well.

All fertilizers sent C. O. D. for postage or expressage.



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By automobile take St. Charles Road to Walton Road. Farm located on north side of St. Charles Road.

By electric car from St. Louis, take Wellston, Hodiament or City Limits Cars to Wellston, from there take St. Charles Car to Missouri Dahlia Farms at the Walton Road.





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